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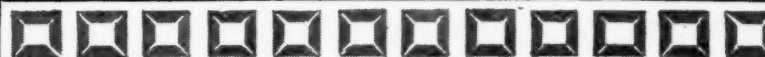
GOD'S LOVE

Ministry

I'd rather see a sermon,
Than hear one any day;
I'd rather one should walk with me
Than merely show the way.
The eye's a better pupil
And more willing than the ear;
Fine counsel is confusing
But example's always clear.
And the best of all the preachers
Are the ones who live their creed,
For to see good put in action
Is what everybody needs.
I soon can learn to do it,
If you let me see it done.
I can watch your hands in action,
But your tongue too fast may run.
And the sermon you deliver
May be very wise and true,
But I'd rather get my lesson
By observing what you do,
For I might misunderstand you
And the high advice you give;
But there's no misunderstanding
How you act and how you live.

—Selected.

THE GROUND OF



"But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry," 2 Tim. 4:5.

January 4, 1941

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NOTES From My LETTERS

***** J. H. WALKER, General Overseer *****

Another church over the top with aged ministers' quota and doing a great work. This letter comes from Brother W. M. Ford, pastor at Hobbs, New Mexico:

"Greetings in Jesus' name. Enclosed please find money order to cover our aged ministers' quota. We are over the top with all the Church program (\$3.50). We have gained twenty-five members since coming to the Hobbs church for a revival with the Truett Band, and the house won't hold the crowds. Many are looking this way."

May God bless you, Brother Ford, in your efforts to spread the gospel in New Mexico.

"Greetings in Jesus' dear name. Just a card of praise. We just started a revival here at Gaffney, with Brother L. R. Patterson and pastor. Seven were saved the first night. Pray that God will give us a great revival here.—R. C. Muncy and Harold Phillips."

May God continue to bless these brethren in their efforts in advancing the cause of Christ and rescuing many souls.

Good news from Michigan—"I have another new church in Ecorse, Michigan. This is just a new work started and set in order since the Assembly. We have lots of snow here, and I have been sick for the past few days—something like ulcerated stomach. Pray for us.—Yours in His service, E. O. Kerce."

May God bless and help you, Brother Kerce, in your efforts to gain others for God. We sincerely hope that He will touch your body and definitely heal you.

Good news from Gastonia, North Carolina—"We have had a goodly number to receive the Holy Ghost since the Assembly, also, to come into the Church. We now have our Sunday School rooms completed, and our Sunday School has run from 250 up to over 400 since we built our rooms. We had a home-coming last Sunday. Brother Paulk was with us and spoke for us in the morning and evening services. Our offerings ran \$339.54. The Sunday School raised \$316 of this amount. We have paid off all of our aged ministers' quota and about \$50 or \$60 on our missions. So you see the Lord is blessing us. The Sunday School rooms cost about \$1,800 and we have only \$439 balance due. We plan on paying that out by spring and putting an addition to the church. It is now a 40 by 60 building.—

Rev. H. R. Corley."

May God bless and help you, Brother Corley.

WARNING

This is to warn the Church of God members and friends of one John Morgan, Route 1, Candler, North Carolina, who has been getting addresses from the Evangel and writing to its subscribers in various parts of the United States, posing as a boy and as an invalid, and soliciting help. This man is not connected with the Church of God, but, according to the pastor at Candler, has a very bad record. He is not a boy and is not an invalid, according to the advice received here. So let all those receiving mail from him beware.

NOTICES From the Field

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My address is The Colonial Rooms, 757 Main St., Worcester, Mass.—Gerald M. Searles.

This is to notify you that Montana has gone over with her ten-cent drive for the aged ministers' fund. I have just closed a two weeks' meeting at Lewiston, in which there was one saved, and we had great interest.—John Sharp, Harlowton, Mont.

CORRECTION

The Northeast camp meeting will convene at Somerset, Pa., July 19-27, inclusive, instead of July 19-16 as was announced.

If anyone wishes to get in touch with me, my address for this year will be Box 198, Richmond, Ky. I am pastor there.—R. H. Tadlock.

FOR SALE: New Thompson Chain Reference Bible. Latest edition. Has never been used. Cost \$18.35; will sell for \$14.50.—J. M. Cockerell, 919 W. 3rd, Joplin, Mo.

The Lord has blessed us with a parsonage, so our address is changed to 2914 5th Ave., S., Billings, Mont.—Preston Sanders.

SPECIAL NOTICES

To All Evangelists and Exhorters

Evangelists, please send your 1940 license to the General Secretary and Treasurer, E. J. Boehmer, Cleveland, Tennessee, for renewal.

Exhorters, please mail your 1940 exhorters' license, or any that you have, to your state overseer immediately.

Instructions

All evangelists and exhorters, please write your name carefully on the reverse side of your license, giving your correct address.

Remember that the act of the Assembly declares your license null and void December 31, 1940.

Caution

Exhorters, please do not send your license to the General Secretary and Treasurer. Evangelists, do not ask for special permit to perform marriage ceremonies. This courtesy will be extended to you by your state overseer.

Thank You

For sending in your license immediately.

At our 35th Annual Assembly of the Church of God, which was held at Chattanooga, Tennessee, October 1-6, the General Overseer, J. H. Walker, while the Assembly was in session, officially announced the names of the Twelve Councilors and also officially appointed the Mission Board, consisting of:

E. W. Williams, Chairman
Zeno C. Tharp, Secretary
E. E. Winters
E. C. Clark
M. P. Cross

The Twelve Councilors are:

E. J. Boehmer
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M. P. Cross
E. M. Ellis
J. C. Jernigan
R. P. Johnson
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E. L. Simmons
Zeno C. Tharp
R. R. Walker
E. W. Williams

N. S. Marcelle (Overseer and Councilor for U. S. Colored work)

On account of being greatly rushed immediately after the Assembly, the undersigned unintentionally overlooked including the names of the above given board and Council of Twelve in our 1940 Minutes. We regret very much that this oversight occurred.

E. J. Boehmer,
General Sec.-Treas.
Irene Wales,
Assembly Clerk
Louise Harris,
Assembly Clerk



A Great Need



By J. ANDREW RAFFERTY

Text: Jas. 4:7

As I sit here in my home in the little town of Lignite, North Dakota, I sometimes think of the import of the words of the Lord Jesus Christ when He said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel." These words were spoken to the apostles, but were meant for all men who claim the call of God to preach.

In the State of North Dakota there are hundreds of towns that have never heard the full gospel of the Church of God, and the small group of preachers that are up here in the State, are doing everything in their power to get the gospel to these towns, yet they seem to make almost no headway into the vast territory that is without the gospel. Many times they are held back on account of finance, and other times something else hinders. But when it is the financial part that hinders, it seems to me that someone is not doing his or her part, since there are hundreds of people that belong to the Church of God, and others who claim to be Christians, with lots of money laid up, yet they are content to see men and women go out to preach in these places where the gospel is needed and they do nothing to help them. At other times, perhaps the pastor of their own church is not getting enough to hardly get along, and yet with this knowledge they do nothing to help.

It seems to me that is wrong, if the Word of God means anything to a man. Notice the Word of God on the subject. If a brother or sister be naked, etc. Jas. 2:15, 16. It would be well to notice the sixteenth verse in particular. Oh! but you say, I pay my tithes, and pray for them. The answer to this will perhaps be more readily understood if I illustrate it with an incident that happened one time. A deacon of the church was asked to come and pray for a family that did not have anything to eat. The deacon said, "I have not time to go and pray now, but you can go down into my cellar and get a ham, some potatoes, and canned food and take it to them." Now perhaps you can understand what I am trying to say, more clearly. **PRAYER IS THE GREATEST THING IN THE WORLD, BUT WHEN IT IS USED AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR ACTION IT IS NEVER ANSWERED.** The deacon had the means to help the poor family in his basement, and it was up to him to produce the

action. Anyone who has the means to act, when something is needed in the work of the Lord (such as building a church, supporting a pastor, helping evangelists, feeding the poor, and any other thing that may be needed), will have to give an account of himself to God. 2 Cor. 5:10. A little of works along with prayers

No Time For Jesus

"Lord, have thy way"—we sing,
And say again when we're at prayer;
Yet going on our self-willed way
Heedless that He is there.

Waiting for those whom He has redeemed,
By His life-blood that He shed,
Whom He has cleansed and purified
And with the bread of life has fed.

Waiting to bless His children,
O God! help us to see;
Waiting—while madly we rush about,
No time, dear Jesus, for Thee.

We tell thee, Lord, the things to do,
Each time to thee we pray;
But we are in a hurry—and
Can't wait to see what Thou would'st say.

I should wait before thee, Lord, each day,
Till Thy will becomes my own;
That Thou could'st speak and tell me,
Lord,
The things Thou would'st have done.

And teach me wisdom
From above, give strength
And power to do
Thy work of love.

Before thy throne of grace I'll find
Joy, faith, love and peace of mind;
Empty of self and all material things
My soul shall mount on high as eagles' wings.

—Lois White, Warrior, Ala.

goes a long way, and so, people who have the means ought to put legs to their prayers.

Another thing: When the rich young ruler came to the Lord, he was required to sell all that he had, that is, if he wanted salvation, yet there are hundreds of people in this age who claim salvation and will get angry if they are asked for a dollar to help in some cause of the

Lord. But in the light of the experience of the rich young man, it seems that all a Christian owns ought to be the Lord's if He needs it. And He surely needs some of this money that is piled up in banks and bonds by Christians. Notice, the rich young man of the Bible (Matt. 19:16-22) was not only to pay tithes but to give all that he had.

Many people think that it is all right for the minister to give all that he owns for the cause of God, and if the preacher happens to have a good car or a few clothes, you will hear the comment "He could have put that money to a better cause," or "A cheaper one would have done him just as well." But stop and think, you who make these remarks, have you some money stored away somewhere that you could put to a better cause? What good is it doing laid up in bonds or banks for the cause of God? But, you say, that is for my old age. But I will refer you to the scripture, and ask you what you think of this: "Take no thought for your life." Matt. 6:25.

This storing away of money, with the cause of the Lord needing it so badly, and men and women dying and going to hell all because evangelists are handicapped without funds and pastors are forced to leave their charges or starve, or else work so that they cannot give full time to the ministry, will be paid for at the judgment one of these days.

This little discourse may seem a trifle hard to some of those who read it, but stop and think before you judge me. If it will help you out in your walk with the Lord, you ought to thank me. And I am sure it will not hurt the feelings of a man or woman who is willing to walk in the light.

The foregoing article was written to stir the hearts of many who, I feel, surely love the Lord and His cause, and heretofore have not thought on this particular subject in this light. God will bless anyone in such a wonderful way, if he is willing to do His will. Praise the Lord from whom all blessings flow.

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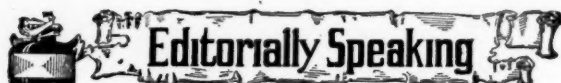
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Another Year So often we hear people make the expression, "Well, it's just another day," or, "Just another week," or, "Just another year," thus signifying that after all life is just a routine of affairs or just a common run of events as they come. This viewpoint or attitude of life is entirely unbecoming to the saint of God. Just what is meant by this? It merely means that the child of God should see that every day is a better day than the day before, that he can look back upon the week that is past with the satisfaction that it has been a better week than the week prior to it, and that at the end of the year he can look back over the year's work with a great satisfaction of knowing that he or she has done his or her best for God during the year. Such an attitude should not make one so contented that one would not try to make a new day, a new week or new year greater than the one that has past, but rather spur one to activity and energy, that one may put forth a stronger effort in the future than at any time in the past so that the future may continue to abound in progress for Christ and for His Church. That wonderful verse that we sing so many times in the churches,

"Every day with Jesus is sweeter than the day before;
Every day with Jesus I love Him more and more.
Jesus saves and keeps me and He's the one I'm looking
for;

Every day with Jesus is sweeter than the day before,"

should be true with us. Our implicit faith in the advent of our Lord to earth to reward those who have faithfully served Him, is within itself sufficient to keep us working for Him and putting forth greater efforts continually for His cause.

Working Against Each Other We Pull Together It is said that the life of the Christian is a divine paradox. It seems to be that which it is not and it is not that which it seems to be. The same thing is true of

the work of the Christian, for many times those things which would seem to hinder the progress of God's cause are the very things which help to put it over. At different times we have heard people challenge the value of contests in the Church, and some even feel that God in His Word frowns upon it, that the spirit of contest is not the spirit of God, therefore must be eliminated in the lives of believers. We fail to find, however, where the Scriptures in any way substantiate an argument

against the right kind of a spirit of contest. On the other hand, Paul seems not only to admit but rather to rejoice in the fact that his whole Christian life is a life of contest and that that spirit which was with him in his school days for the race, or the fight, has not left him but that he has harnessed it for God and is now running and fighting for Him. Listen to those wonderful words of Heb. 12:1, 2, "Let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith." Then again in 1 Cor. 9:26, "I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air." Here Paul declares that he is in a greater fight and in a greater race than he ever was in his college days, because it is a divine fight and a divine race. The race or the fight is not a race or fight of uncertainty or without reward, for he acknowledges in 1 Cor. 14:12, "Even so ye, forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church." So to strive to excel in spiritual things is not the wrong spirit if we, according to Paul's admonition to the Corinthians in 1 Cor. 9:25 and to Timothy in 2 Tim. 2:5, strive lawfully: Some of these contests, to be sure, are against the world and worldliness striving to excel in the spiritual fight, and yet they are also applied to those who all run for God and His Church. Thus we are all in a race with each other because the enemy is not running for a prize of right. We attended a convention last year where, in the reports, a pastor who had put his program over far above that of other pastors, made this remark, "We have been going at this rather wrong, pastors, and that is the reason we did not get it over before. I found that we could not put our program over by pulling together, so we decided to work against one another, and when we did that over we went." Many times since that convention

I have thought of those words and wondered if, after all, it was right to teach people that they should work against each other; then came the answer, "This is another of the Christian paradoxes, for in working against each other we may pull together," and that is exactly the way that little church did. Though they divided up into little bands and had on a contest to raise mission money, working against each other to put their mission offering to the highest that it had ever been, finally they brought all of the money together and became as a unit as they went to the convention, thus working against each other they pulled together for the finest mission offering of the convention. Let us therefore remember that anything which in every detail will further the cause of Christ is always permissible in carrying on this wonderful cause.

BEFORE US

Though the race seem long
And the goal far away,
Its running ends
In the realms of day.

Though the task be large
And the worker small,
We may do our part
When we do our all.

Though the fight be hard
And the battle hot,
God fights for us
If we fail Him not.

So let us then run
And work and fight,
And the reward is ours
When we're in the right.

—Ed.

Waves of Death Versus Waves of Glory

We are just in receipt of a letter from Brother Syverson, overseer of the work in El Salvador, in which he describes the way God is blessing as unceasing waves of glory seem to be coming over the people. How different the outlook in this 1941 for the people of God and those poor people in Europe who are also looking for waves. That which they are looking for night after night is waves of bombers which are dealing death and destruction. On the contrary reports from the work in foreign fields and all over this country show that waves of old time power and glory are coming over evangelistic services wherever they are held. It certainly should be consoling to the children of God here in America, as well as elsewhere, that we can look out upon the future with the expectation of waves of glory night after night and day after day, finally consummating in the coming of Christ Himself.

A Life of Service

BY ROSA B. MURPHY

Greetings in love to all the Church of God family, from the greatest to the least, and to all who love the Lord. I write these lines for praise and glory of our heavenly King. Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together.

I am praising God today for salvation through the blood of Jesus Christ, His Son. Eighty years ago I saw the light of this world in this beautiful little town of Bartow, Georgia. My earliest childhood was spent in a spiritual home where father and mother would read the dear old Bible and pray around the fireside. It was there I received great impressions of spirituality and the desire to become a Christian.

At the early age of twelve years Jesus spoke to my heart, called me to be His child, and, without any encouragement from any one, I joined the Methodist Church. When I was sixteen years of age, at a Methodist camp meeting, I was gloriously saved. "Oh happy day when Jesus washed my sins away!" His presence was so great and I was so lost in God, I saw a vision of my blessed Lord hanging on the cruel cross, dying for me. The multitudes were round Him, scoffing at the wonderful sacrifice for the redemption of all mankind. The shouts of glory filled my soul till at last I realized I was back in a natural life. From that time I have never had a thought or desire to turn back from this glorious way.

Young people, don't let the enemy deceive you to think that because you are young you cannot live godly in Christ Jesus. Hold to God's unchanging hand, obey and trust Him and He will land you safely on heaven's shore. I have never been to a theatre, never seen a movie, and never entered a dance hall. The greatest dance that has ever come to me was under the power of the Holy Ghost. I have never been to a card party. Dear ones, when you really and truly give yourself into God's hands, He will keep that which we commit unto Him pure and clean.

All this time I had never heard sanctification preached, not until I was married, when I heard a holiness preacher preach under a tent, for he was not allowed in any church. But God knows them that are His and He drew me to this meeting. I did not receive the blessing in the tent but in my own kitchen. Oh, hallelujah! He will come to us anywhere.

After this time I moved to Tampa,

Florida. It was here I had a great field for work among both foreign and American people. I helped in the Methodist mission schools and delighted in all the home and foreign missions. Several years I visited the county jail every Sunday and God often sent blessings to the poor prisoners, black and white. For years, every Tuesday, with others I visited the county home and held services for the white and colored. Oh, our happiest moments are when we are telling the gospel story and seeing it helping others. Visiting the sick ones was great comfort to us and to them also.

In 1907 the Holy Ghost was poured out upon the people at old Durant Campground. Rev. Britton was leader. After camp meeting the workers came to Tampa with our Sister Flora Trim assisting. A great meeting was held in a hall on the main street. At the fourth service I attended God answered the cry of my poor lean soul and as a "shaking" of the entire being came, I felt the touch of Him and received the Holy Ghost and fire. Oh, the glory can never be told. While lost in this ecstasy of Spirit I had a vision of His "second coming." Oh the blood-washed saints, the light of glory everywhere, and I was shouting till I was hoarse. Oh thank God, thank God! I'll never forget it. Right home I went and was called to "go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." I don't feel that I have done great things but my Lord knoweth them that are His. Everywhere I have ever been since this call, I feel that the blood of the people will not be upon my soul. There have been many scoffs and criticisms and many threatenings, but God has kept us in it all. I could fill pages with battles fought but, oh glory, victories now. He knows and I hope He will say, "She hath done what she could."

Thirty-six years ago I joined the Church of God and was baptized in water, with many others. How we praise Him for leading all the way. Six years ago I lost the last of my loved ones and earthly store and came here to my childhood home to live. I love the Lord, His Church and all His children, and enjoy this salvation more as time goes by.

I must thank God for the Evangel which is such a comfort for all works the Church is engaged in; for all my good pastors while I was at Tampa, Fla. My membership is still there. Especially do I think of dear Brother F. J. Lee; when state overseer of Florida and afterward our pastor, when the wolves en-

tered to cause division he admonished us to "sit still in the boat." We did and we overcame the enemy. He was a great leader. Then too, one of the pioneer workers, Sister Flora Trim. I lay many flowers upon her as she shines in this dark world. For nine years she was superintendent of a rescue home for fallen girls and homeless women; she endured much persecution on account of getting people to receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost. She inspired me to press on as I labored with her along the way.

I don't get to go to church often, but the Comforter abides and keeps me looking upward. I have held a few holiness meetings here, one tent meeting for a short time, and seed have been sown which I hope someone may reap. My life is a life of prayer, which I know God will reward, and some sweet day we will attend the great assembly in the city of the New Jerusalem and be happy evermore. Perhaps I shall meet our Lord in the air. Amen.

Thank God For Sister Murphy

The above story of Sister Murphy is of special interest to the Editor. He was a small boy in the City of Tampa during her useful days as mission and rescue worker with Flora E. (Bower) Trim. He attended the meeting at the Masonic Temple where she received the baptism with the Holy Ghost. Several years later, after your Editor received the Holy Ghost and the call to preach, Sister Murphy sent for him to assist in a tent revival which she was sponsoring on the main street of the City of Tampa.

For twenty years we have been away from the vicinity of Tampa and until this year knew not the whereabouts of this faithful saint but glad to hear from her again and to give her story, which we know to be a true one, to our readers.—Editor.

Old Evangelists

Rev. Gerald Searles writes: "I am interested in putting our Evangel in homes, hospitals, libraries, prisons, etc., but we cannot afford to subscribe for the new issues as we are having a hard struggle. I have already begun the work with back numbers, but I have not enough to cover much ground."

This is a good way to let your old Evangelists do missionary work. Send your Evangelists and Lighted Pathways to Brother Searles and help in the needy northeast district. Send them to Rev. Gerald M. Searles, The Colonial Rooms, 757 Main St., Worcester, Mass.

The soul bound by selfishness is deprived of its God-bought liberty and service and devotion to its rightful owner, Jesus Christ.

Question Box

Question: Please explain Matt. 27:5 as compared with Acts 1:18.—L. F. R.

Answer: The scripture in Matthew reads, "And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself." The passage in Acts reads, "Now this man purchased a field with the reward of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst asunder in the midst, and all his bowels gushed out." To the south of Jerusalem there is a hill known as the Hill of Evil Counsel and on the brow of this hill, with a limb hanging out over quite a precipice, is a tree known as the Judas tree. This tree is pointed out as the one on which Judas was hanged. If this is the place, or if it was a similar one, it would have been very easy for Judas to hang himself and for the rope to have broken and the sudden jerk of the rope to have caused his position to change and for him to have fallen headlong. It does not necessarily mean that because he hanged himself he had to fall feet first. In Matthew, the Syriac Translation says Judas strangled himself, while the passage in Acts says he fell upon his face on the ground and burst in the middle and his entrails were poured out.

Question: In 2 Kings 2:11 we read, There appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven." Then again, in St. John 3:13 we read, "And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven." Is there any contradiction in these two scriptures?—Z. L. C.

Answer: No, the Word of God does not contradict itself. Sometimes it seems contradictory to us but it is only in our understanding. The reference in the Old Testament is to a carrying-away in a chariot. A chariot was sent by God for the purpose, and Elijah was taken up. The New Testament scripture in John 3:13 speaks of the ascension of Jesus. The word "ascended" here is taken from the Greek word which means "to spring up, to arise, or to come." Jesus was not taken up but ascended in His own power as the Son of God. Both Enoch and Elijah were taken, but Christ ascended.

Question: Speaking of John the Baptist, Matt. 3:4 says, "And his meat was locust and wild honey." Was the locust that John ate a bean or was it some kind of flesh?—M. P.

Answer: We have been unable to find any evidence signifying that the locust

eaten by John was a bean or fruit. On the contrary there is plenty of evidence that the grasshopper-like insect known as a locust was and is eaten by many of the Orientals. We quote a paragraph from Smith's Dictionary to the reader on this subject:

"Locust have been used as food from the earliest times. Herodotus speaks of a Libyan nation who dried their locusts in the sun and ate them with milk. The more common method, however, was to pull off the legs and wings and roast them in an iron dish. Then they were thrown into a bag, and eaten like parched corn, each one taking a handful when he chose."—Biblical Treasury. Sometimes the insects are ground and pounded, and then mixed with flour and water and made into cakes, or they are salted and then eaten; sometimes smoked; sometimes boiled or roasted; again, stewed, or fried in butter."

WEST VIRGINIA FIRST PLACE Pine Top Over the Top

No doubt some of you remember at the state convention that West Virginia had come from eighth place in missions to third place, and your state overseer remarked that we were headed for FIRST PLACE. Well, on the first checkup received from the General Overseer, which is for the first month of this year, we were FIRST IN MISSIONS. Yes, that means that West Virginia sent MORE mission money to headquarters' that month than any other state in the Union.

Not only that, but for the first two months of this year, West Virginia was first in aged ministers' money sent to Headquarters.

Let's put on a real state-wide evangelistic campaign throughout this year and if we can get something near as many members as the other states have, we will, of course, expect to be FIRST IN EVERYTHING ELSE.

I am not expecting anything else but that you will all put your shoulder to the wheel in the Evangel drive that is now on and win the \$100 offered by the Publishing House.

REMEMBER we have come from EIGHTH place in missions and SEVENTH place in general average to FIRST PLACE in missions and THIRD PLACE in general average since the close of the Assembly year of 1938-1939, just a little over a year.

Pine Top church is the first in the state to go over the top in raising the 50c per member for the state convention mission offering. Who will be next? They had already sent in their 10c per member for aged ministers.

We appreciate your whole-hearted co-operation and covet your prayers.—Your servant, M. P. Cross, overseer of West Virginia.

The Bookshelf



Revelation Expounded

This is the title of a book written by Rev. Finis Jennings Dake, former principal of Shiloh Bible Institute of Zion, Illinois. Brother Dake is a great Bible expositor. His studies in prophecy are exhaustive and his manner of presentation profound. His knowledge of the Bible is almost unlimited. Many of our ministers heard him at the last Assembly and his books had a wide sale there. "Revelation Expounded" is now on sale at your Publishing House and may be had for the price of \$1.00.

Sunday School in Union Hall

RED ASH, Va.—Thank God for the way He is working in Red Ash, Va. I thank Him for the good Holy Ghost which abides in my heart and gives me a mind to work.

There are about four or five of us members of the Church of God here. We have no building to worship in, but we wanted a Sunday School to which the children could go. After praying and fasting and trusting God, I went to a local union meeting and asked them for their local hall to have Sunday School in and they granted me the right. On Nov. 24 we organized a Church of God Sunday School with forty-four attending. On Dec. 1 we had seventy-four, which gave us a thirty increase. I am expecting the house to be filled this Sunday. I know God is working here and the rest of the schools here are complaining and saying, "Let us work together." Yes, they see their mistake now. Thank God, the only way I see to work together is—the Church of God Sunday School is open and if they want to come they are welcome to help us teach the good Word of God. We will not give down. All say it is the best Sunday School they ever attended, for God is there every Sunday in power and freedom. Look out, state banner, we are coming that way; we have a mind to work.

After the first of the year we are going to start a Y. P. E. Everybody who knows a word of prayer, please pray that God will have His way and we can have a good place here to worship God.—Roscoe Hall, Box 62.

The man who lives in Christ will live like Christ.



Foreign Missions



ZENO C. THARP, Secretary of Mission Board

FOLLOWING is a copy of letter from Sister Kluzit which was written to Sister Hazen Bennett, or Haiti's Busy Bees, who has been so kind to re-pack and ship all of our clothing to Haiti for us. In Sister Bennett's letter she states, "I wish there might be established groups of Holy-Ghost-filled on-fire-for-God Christians, who are consecrated to Him and His work wherever it may be, who would pray daily for Haiti and her needs and for those precious workers who haven't time even to pray for themselves. Lift up your eyes and look on the fields for they are white already to harvest."—Faithfully yours, Zeno C. Tharp, secretary Mission Board.

309 Rue du Centre
Port-au-Prince, Haiti
November 19, 1940

Dear Haiti's Busy Bees:

It has been a long time since my last letter to you. Of course there is no need of making excuses. I always want to write such a long letter—and waiting for the time to do that, of course, I never do get the time and therefore you have not been receiving those nice long letters I have been planning. But today, you shall have a letter, long or short, whether I say all I want to or not.

Praise the Lord the song book is over! You have no idea about the work of having a song book printed here in Haiti. I've been to the printer's shop by the hour—days at a time, sitting under a tin roof with the tropical summer sun blazing down upon us: correcting, recorrecting, changing, etc. On top of all this, I would arrive in the morning and find him doing some other little job and losing the time on our book. Well, anyhow, it's over now, let the hallelujahs roll—Haiti now has a Pentecostal song book and 5,000 copies of them are going out to the four corners of the country.

NOW FOR THE GREAT NEWS! A wonderful—wonderful—WONDERFUL REVIVAL is on here in Port-au-Prince!! The many—many—many—many are marching in. Glory! Oh, I just wish you prayer warriors could be here just once to see the crowd that is pouring into our services! And the great problem is room—room—and MORE ROOM! Where

can we put them all? We had to move the church, where we were facing the street, to the rear of our property where we have a big campground-like tabernacle. Now there are 800 that can hear the gospel. Yet it is much too small. We have to enlarge the place to hold 1,500. But the problem here is to keep building



MOTHER MARY CLARKSON, AGE 90 YEARS
The oldest and a charter member of the Church of God in Jamaica. Sister Clarkson is mother of Edith Clarkson, a minister of the island.

to enlarge it but to still hold the meetings. We are just trusting God, because we won't know how we are going to keep on building and when we can finish. But we know one thing, and that is God is in our midst and that is enough for us. How I wish Brother Tharp could be right here for a few days! He was surprised at the work before, and what would he say now if he could see this big crowd pushing and squeezing to get into the church! Oh! how wonderful it is to be really in the midst, ourselves, of such a revival and not having to just be reading about it going on somewhere else.

There has been an average of sixty people converted each week. We have full-time native workers there all the time, with many other personal workers help-

ing. From early morning prayer meeting at 3 a. m.—believe it or not—our early prayer meeting is supposed to be at 4:30, but they are knocking at the door at 3 a. m. The workers are all worn out—they don't have enough sleep, because sometimes the altar service will go on until past 11 p. m. and then they must get up again at 3 a. m., and to go on all day long—you know that that is an impossible situation. But we just can't keep them away. We ourselves are all worn out. Pray! Pray! for health and strength! Pray for consecrated NATIVE WORKERS! And please notice: We have in our midst a very gifted man of the upper class, who has been wonderfully converted and called of the Lord to preach. He is seeking the baptism of the Holy Ghost. The other Protestant denominations tried before to discourage him from seeking, but praise God he is now earnestly seeking the fullness. Please pray that he will receive the baptism soon. His name is Roger Dorcinville. Please pray for his wife also—who has a real fight to leave society and all of its false charms, and chains.

The Roman Catholic priests are after us. Their newspaper is full of us. But hallelujah—it's free advertisement! The Lord's children come through victorious every time, and more and more souls are getting ready for the trumpet's sound. Glory!

Last week there were three rows of seekers at the altar. How it does our hearts good to see this harvest in the face of persecution! He never fails us. Praise God!

We were three weeks in Santo Domingo where the Lord is working in a marvelous way also. Jackie and Skippy were with us. And lo, here is another Ripley's "Believe It or Not": I preached in SPANISH. Glory to Jesus! Hallelujah! The Lord certainly helped me to get that language in two months. We wrote to Sister Benny about the two Spanish girls with us from our Dominican missions, whom we are helping in music and the Bible, and they are helping us with Spanish. Of course with my Latin and French background and the dear Lord's help, as John says, "I just ate it up!" The Lord gave thirty-nine souls while we were there and the good work is going on. Our people
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LEAVES FROM THE FIG TREE

An Interpretation of Current Events in the Light of Holy Prophecy

"Now, learn a parable of the fig tree: when his branch is yet tender and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh," Matt. 24:32.

By JUDGE SULLIVAN

"In the beginning God." For the new year's first issue, I greet you in the name of Jesus whose we are and whom we serve. May the year 1941 bring to each of us the very best that heaven has for us. "In the beginning" may He reign paramount in our lives.

On November 7, 1940, Peter Grant, news commentator, brought the startling announcement that the Federal Government was considering plans whereby all taxes would be paid into the Federal Treasury, and state, county and municipality would have returned to them a proportionate part. The argument is that one central tax-collecting authority would be more efficient than so many separate efforts. Some think that would mean doing away with state laws and state powers and would lead ultimately to dictatorship.

"Istanbul, Turkey. Approximately 200 Jewish refugees, among nearly 400 bound from Bulgaria to Palestine, drowned when their ship broke to pieces in high seas near Istanbul, Turkey. Approximately 380 passengers, including many children and their mothers, were thrown into the sea without opportunity to take to lifeboats. The sea was said to have been dotted with struggling refugees." Poor Jews! Poor Jews! Still more and greater troubles await the unfortunate sons of Abraham. God still remembers that they cried out and begged for the death of His Son. "The last farthing must and shall be paid."

Capt. Edward V. Rickenbacker, America's leading ace in the last war, believes that, "you of this generation are enjoying liberties at this moment that you will never enjoy again as long as you live." Even men outside the influence of the church can see the handwriting of God upon the wall.

The following advertisement appearing in many daily papers a few days ago is highly interesting. "To the millions who believe in life after death—here is how it is lived. When Mrs. Stewart Edward White passed away in April, 1939, she opened the channel through which has

now come a report on life after death unparalleled in written history. A direct witnessed record of 40 actual conversations with his wife (many months after her death) has now been written by Stewart Edward White, famed novelist and historian. In his startling new book, **THE UNOBSTRUCTED UNIVERSE**, he gave verbatim (as taken in shorthand) her detailed descriptions of how the spiritual form is fed, clothed and sheltered. Never before has any book given such a factual picture. Sensational as these disclosures are, they nevertheless are presented with the cool common sense that has always distinguished Mr. White's other fully documented works. This book is for those to whom recent bereavement has raised the eternal questions with new accent; and for every one who feels, in today's chaotic world, the pressing need for a clearer understanding of life here and in the hereafter." I am not interested. Every child of God has a more direct revelation of the Spirit's care and eternal resting place than any the late lamented Mrs. White can give us. Mr. White is, no doubt, in dead earnest in writing the book mentioned above. However, **"WE HAVE A MORE SURE WORD OF PROPHECY."** Many will be deluded by this book bearing the name of such a distinguished author as Mr. White. **DELUSIONS!**

An A. P. headline of December 13 says that, **JAPS SEIZE CHURCH PROPERTY WORTH MILLIONS, BISHOP SAYS.** "Major American, British and Canadian church properties valued at millions of dollars, are in the process of being turned over to the Japanese, foreign church officials announced today, as a result of Japan's recently enacted religious law. Bishop Charles S. Reifsnider, President of St. Paul's Episcopal University, said that institution, together with St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital, one of the finest in the Orient, and Holy Trinity Church, all American owned, are among the properties affected. He placed the value of the hospital alone at more than \$1,500,000. Bishop Reifsnider has been replaced as President of St. Paul's by Professor Ikuzo Takayama. Japan's new religious law stipulates the cessation of

foreign financial assistance and places mission schools, hospitals, and social enterprises entirely in Japanese hands." Sure, these things were foretold. The spirit of the Antichrist who is to come, works unceasingly in the hearts of the rulers of government everywhere.

In a recent decision of the U. S. Supreme Court, the issue of States Rights *versus* Federal Encroachment came to the fore again. The court in a sweeping 6-2 decision granted the federal government hitherto unclaimed powers. Little by little the rights of states and other subdivisions of government are yielding to the mightier federal government and its diversified powers and various commissions. Concentration of power is the order of the day. The suit referred to is that of the Appalachian Electric Power Company *versus* the U. S. Power Commission.

TIME has the following: "Under mild and smiling Western skies, an epidemic of influenza flared last week in California, swept into Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Arizona, Nevada, and New Mexico. Los Angeles had about 50,000 cases, 70 deaths. Sixteen members of the Southern California football team were stricken. In Los Angeles again 700 teachers and 29% of the school children were ill. . . . At Fort Lewis, Washington, 1,400 men were confined to tents and field hospitals. . . . In Hollywood almost half of the movie stars were sick in bed." Yes, epidemics or "PESTILENCES" are to be part of the order of the day. **LOOK ABOUT YOU AND SEE GOD'S HOLY WORD BEING FULFILLED.**

TIME again, issue of Dec. 16.: "In Europe this winter no ordinary citizen will travel far in his own country except **TOWARD WAR OR EXILE.** Coal is scarce. Few will have enough heat. Fewer still will eat enough food, for Europe's food supply is reduced 15% by blockade, another 15% by poor harvests. Not one in a thousand will drive his own car when and where he pleases or read uncensored news or listen to unpropagandized broadcasts. Comfortable clothing will be a luxury. **MANY WILL DIE OF INFLU-**

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Reports From the Field

Kansas Ministers' Meeting

The Kansas ministers' meeting convened at Coffeyville Kans., Nov. 16, 17 inclusive, with the state overseer, Brother Wilma Henry, and a band of ministers who are working and intend to work in Kansas to make the coming year a great one for God in the state.

We were also glad to have with us Brother R. P. Johnson who delivered some good messages and helped us in our work.

This was Kansas' greatest ministers' meeting. It was the greatest in attendance; it was the greatest in enthusiasm, and it was the greatest in unity, which was sought for and gained in this meeting.

Everyone worked faithfully and considered each proposition with great care and I believe all have a mind to put the program over.

We also enjoyed the music and singing and the entertainment by the Coffeyville church and their beloved pastor, Brother W. H. Pugh.

The people here love their overseer, Brother Wilma Henry, and family, and things look good for a great year in Kansas.—W. R. Bolte, 1007 E. 14th St., Pittsburg, Kans.

New Church in Mississippi Dedicated

On Nov. 17 we gathered to dedicate a new church at Marks, Miss. The day was fair and cold but we had a nice large crowd, good singing, and an abundance of dinner. Brother Bozeman, our district pastor, was in charge of the service and brought a wonderful uplifting message. There were five ministers present. The church has a value of \$750, all of which has been paid except \$264. We thank God for some faithful servants of His and a number of friends who love the dear old Church of God. We are very proud of our church here. It has meant labor and sacrifice to the saints but it has been needed for a number of years. We need your prayers.—M. L. Muse, pastor, Marks, Miss.

Pennsylvania Ministers' Meeting

On October 21, the ministers of Pennsylvania gathered at the Church of God, Somerset, Pa., for their regular annual ministers' meeting. The meeting opened with song and prayer under the direction of our able and esteemed state overseer,

Brother Paul H. Walker. The presence of the Lord was in our midst from the very first song, and there was good fellowship among the ministers. The program for the year was outlined very satisfactorily.

We were privileged to have with us our esteemed Assistant General Overseer, Brother R. P. Johnson, and also Brother Hughes of Canton, Ohio.

The evening service began with inspiring songs and prayers. The presence and power of God prevailed throughout the service. An old-fashioned testimony meeting, in which God gloriously blessed, was enjoyed by all. After this great feast, Brother R. P. Johnson delivered a timely message on "The Church of God Way," 1 Cor. 3:9. This soul-stirring sermon gave us new courage and new zeal to work, first by prayer, and next by doing our best to carry out our work to the rule and letter. It made us realize that the night cometh when no man can work, and that we are better fitted for our work tomorrow if we will work today.

The ministers returned to their fields of labor with that aim in view, "to work" and carry out the program before them.—Mrs. Brady Dennis, clerk, 1133 Orchard Ave., Somerset, Pa.

Texas Ministers' Meeting

Was held at the Church of God in Ft. Worth, Texas, November 11 and 12. Brother T. W. Godwin, our state overseer, was in charge. Also, Brother R. P. Johnson, Assistant General Overseer, was with us, and we were very glad to have him. The ministers began to gather from north, south, east, and west, until there were seventy-five or more present. All seemed to be in good spirit and in perfect fellowship. Brother Godwin had a wonderful program outlined for the Church of God in Texas for 1941. He seems to be a man of business and we are certainly glad to have him in Texas this year. The business meeting was opened with song and prayer Monday afternoon. The Lord was with us from the beginning, and a good spiritual feeling was in our midst. The business closed about 4:30 o'clock. The devotional service began about 7:00 o'clock with prayer and song. Brother Melton gave the welcome address, which made us all feel welcome. Brother and Mrs. Frank Stamps were with us, and they favored us with two numbers. Brother I. H. Marks was with us and he also favored us with a number which was enjoyed by all. Also Brother and

Sister Bloomingdale gave us a very beautiful number. Then time came for the message, which was brought by Brother R. P. Johnson, which was enjoyed by everyone. Oh, how God did bless in the service. Service closed with prayer.

Tuesday morning the business opened with prayer and song. All seemed to be feeling good, everything went nicely and much business was accomplished. At 11:30 o'clock Brother O. L. Crow brought a good message. The service closed at 12:30. At 2:00 o'clock the business began, and we were very busy the rest of the afternoon, closing about 4:45. The devotional service began at 7:00 o'clock. The Spirit of the Lord was in our midst, the Holy Ghost taking charge. Brother Curtis Thompson, pastor of the Church of God at Dallas, brought a wonderful message, after which Brother R. P. Johnson brought the closing message. The glory of the Lord came down during his message and, my, how the people rejoiced! The altar filled with preachers and laity seeking a closer walk with God. The ministers' meeting closed with many expressing it as being one of the best Texas has ever had. Pray for the Church of God in Texas.—H. N. Bridges, Box 709, Electra, Texas.

New England Ministers' Meeting

Our annual ministers' convention for the Church of God in New England is now over, but not forgotten. We praise God for the wonderful blessings received and for the power of the Holy Ghost. From the beginning of the convention to the closing perfect unity existed.

Rev. Edwin Tull, pastor at Portland, and I gave the address of welcome, based on the thought that our expectations are from the Lord. Praise the Lord! It was proven beyond all shadow of a doubt. Several soul-inspiring messages were brought in the power of the Holy Ghost, also musical numbers rendered in an equal way. Our services were well attended and even the business sessions held the attention of all present, with manifold blessings.

The writer feels as though he can speak with one accord for all the pastors and workers, yea, the church members, when he says, We thank God for Rev. Stewart Brinsfield. We know that God sent him to us. We are confident that God has large things in store for the New England States this coming year and even now we can see the little green blades of grass appearing. By God's help we are determined to stand one hundred per cent by our state overseer and with the shout of victory go over the top for Jesus. God bless you. Praise His name and pray for us.—Brother Gerald M. Searles, 3 Alvah Kittredge Pk., Roxbury, Mass.

Reports of Revivals

COLLIER CITY, Fla.—We praise God for the wonderful revival which has just closed here. For many nights the altar was filled with seekers. Several were saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. A thunderbolt of glory came down the last night and several came to the altar, crying out for God's mercy. The revival was conducted by Evangelist J. H. McDowell of Dillon, S. C. If you want a good evangelist, you will do well to secure Brother McDowell. Pray for me that I will continue this fight.—Wiley Dickson.

SAILOR BRANCH, Ky.—A three weeks' revival just closed, Brother Edgar Rowe in charge. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way and His power was surely manifested. There were four saved, six sanctified, ten filled with the Holy Ghost and seven added to the church. This is a new church, just set in order in August with six members. We hate to see Brother Rowe leave, but hope he comes back soon. He is a wonderful man. We thank the Lord for his work here and also thank Him for our pastor, Brother Elmer Thomas, and all the good Church of God people everywhere. Pray for us.—Elsie Hamilton, clerk, Camp Dix, Ky.

TUCAPAU, S. C.—We have just closed a very successful revival here with the spiritual tide running high. Brother Lamar Stone and Oscar May, his coworker, were in charge of the meeting. Several were saved and sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost, and nine added to the church. We are contemplating building a parsonage. Plans are being made for that now. I praise God also for the way He is healing and showing forth His power in this place in these last days. We earnestly desire the prayers of the Evangel family.—Ben L. Smith.

LINDALE, Ga.—We have just closed a two and a half weeks' revival here with Brother S. C. Chambers doing the preaching. We are very thankful for Brother Chambers and what he meant to our church. His messages were brought with the power of the Holy Ghost and were full of God's love. Many backsliders were brought back to God. We praise God for that wonderful, wonderful revival. Thirty souls were saved, twenty-five sanctified, and twenty filled with the Holy Ghost. Praise the Lord! We thank the Lord for our good pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister H. T. Durden. Pray

for us here that our church will grow and prosper for Jesus' sake.—Mrs. Earl Smith.

CARLSBAD, N. Mex.—We just closed a two weeks' revival here in Carlsbad with the state evangelistic party, Brothers Jack Truett, Dean Russ, and Lloyd Swan, in charge. Brother Truett did the preaching and the other boys helped with the music. Twenty were saved, fourteen sanctified, fourteen filled with the Holy Ghost, fourteen added to the church, and others looking this way. We surely appreciate boys like these who will sacrifice to come out here in New Mexico and labor for the Lord and His cause. The churches here are willing to do their best for the lost, but the churches are few and finance is a problem. If we had the finance we would have plenty of preachers to come out here. It takes money to carry on the Lord's work and a preacher who comes to New Mexico will surely have to suffer some, but, brother, you can shout when you can suffer for the Lord's work.

The outlook for the state is good for this year. We have some good preachers in the state and our precious state overseer, who, with his family, works day and night to put the work over for the Lord, rather die now than be a failure this year. Men like that will be a success because they will die or be a success. We, the church here in Carlsbad, look forward to the time when the boys can be with us in another good revival. The church here has always stood behind the preachers and overseers and their pastor. I have never been treated better by any church. It seems to me that they are trying to do more this year than the last. We did some remodeling on the church house last year and now we are remodeling the parsonage. Our property was insured for \$1,200 last year and we have \$2,600 this year and could get more if we wanted it. We surely appreciate what has been done this year. My desire is to be just what God would want me to be. Pray for us out here in New Mexico.—O. Gregory, pastor, 403 S. Alameda St.

A Great Revival

MIDDLETOWN, Ohio—I praise God for the Church of God here in Middletown, and for our blessed pastor, Brother M. J. Headley, and his family. We feel that they are among the best. We believe the church is in as good condition, spiritually speaking, as any in the entire

movement. We have just closed a four weeks' revival with Brother Thad Puckett, of Toledo, in charge of services. He is a wonderful man of God, one of the best evangelists it has been our lot to hear. God wonderfully blessed and here are the results. Twenty-four were saved, twenty-four sanctified, twenty-six filled with the Holy Ghost, nineteen baptized in water, and twenty-two added to the church. We are praising God for Brother Puckett and these results. Anyone who is in need of an able evangelist might do well to contact Brother Puckett.—Brother Azel Short, Y. P. E. president.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo.—The Church of God in N. St. Joseph, Mo., just closed a revival of two weeks, with some wonderful preaching by Sister Bessie Jones, evangelist of Knoxville, Tenn. Our attendance was hindered some by extra cold weather. Some were saved. Sister Jones is highly recommended by us to anyone wishing a good Spirit-filled preacher. Our church was blessed by her messages. One backsliding preacher was saved. Please pray that God will continue to bless and send us more souls. We expect to hold another revival soon. Saints, pray for us; we need more loyal members to help in God's cause.—Frank Guy, clerk; Leslie H. Orrick, pastor.

HAZELWOOD, N. C.—We just closed a two weeks' revival with Brother C. E. Comer as evangelist. Twelve were saved, seven sanctified, eight filled with the Holy Ghost, and seven added to the church. The church was wonderfully built up in the Lord. The shouts of victory were heard in every service. Brother Comer is a good evangelist. His messages are very timely.—Pastor, G. L. Jones.

Thanks To You

Brother Simmons: I had the pleasure of attending the 35th Assembly, and this being my first, I was very much impressed with the orphan's program. I planned then to do something to help in the building fund for the boys' new home. With the help of the Y. P. E. we gave the play "The Awakening." This church is small, both in membership and attendance. I am thankful to send an offering of \$10.00, also coupons. Pray for us.—Mrs. Stella Smith, Texla Church of God, Rt. 2, Box 175, Orange, Texas.

AUBURN, Ga.—We have Brother Lynn Smith down here with us and we think he is great for God. He has just organized a church at Lynch's Chapel, with nine members. Surely the Lord is with him and we are proud of him.—H. B. Cain, Rt. 1.

Notes of Praise

Invalids Enjoy Salvation

Dear Evangel Readers, greetings in Jesus' sweet name.

Once more we want to send in our testimony, as we love this old paper so dearly. It always brings a flood of joy to our souls to read the precious pieces in it. It is so much pleasure to us that we are almost glad we are indoor invalids. But still we can read and reread this paper and get food for our souls.

We praise God because we can still say that our sins are under the precious blood that Jesus gave for our redemption. We still have the sweet Holy Ghost and speak in tongues. Hallelujah.

On my next birthday, on which I shall be seventy years old, I shall have been in this good way fifteen years, but, dear ones, each day grows sweeter with Jesus. We are members of the Church of God, and husband is a minister. We have two daughters and a good many grandchildren that belong to the Church of God. We both have bad health and we can't do as much for our Savior as we have done in the past, but we still pray for others who are leading the way.

My husband has had to retire from work, but often wishes he could preach one more sermon if not any more. We live about five miles from our church of which Brother J. C. Kimbrough was pastor last year. He certainly was a faithful shepherd for us. He and his wife have been such a great blessing to the church. They often come over and read and pray with us, for which we are so thankful.

Saints, we are really looking for Jesus' soon coming. We feel that the time is drawing near, even at the door. But let us hold on and be ready when He comes.

We don't get to go to the Assembly on account of our health, but praise God, we are expecting to be at the great Assembly in the skies, where we'll have a new body and a new life, no more sickness and trials up there. When we first started this way, God put a love in our hearts for Him and His cause, and we still have a yearning to see souls brought into the fold. I am so glad that I ever saw the light on holiness. I well remember the time I got salvation. I could take you there and show you the place.

Saints everywhere, we earnestly cover the prayers of every one, that our last days may be our happiest days. I feel that our time is drawing near when we will have to depart this life, but I am glad that I spent a part of my life for God.

Saints, please take this on your heart and pray for us.

Oh, how we want to go the last mile of the way because the last mile is what's going to count.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. R. T. Watkins, Route 3, Sturgis, Miss.

RADIO BROADCASTS ON THE AIR

N. Cleveland, Tenn., Church of God over station WBLJ, 1200 Kc. Every Sunday at 1:00-2:00 p. m., C.S.T. D. B. Yow, pastor.

Beginning January 6, 1941, Columbus, Miss., over WCBI, 1370 Kc. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 10:15-10:30 a. m. E. L. Newton, pastor.

The Church of God at Concord, N. C., over WSTP, Salisbury, N. C. Each Friday at 4:15-4:45 p. m. Roland Verrico, pastor.

The Church of God of the Delbarton and Matewan, W. Va., districts, over WBTH, Williamson, W. Va., 1370 Kc. Each Sunday at 2:00-3:00 p. m. Under direction of H. H. Tygart, Vulcan, W. Va., and W. H. Compton, Delbarton, W. Va.

Church of God at Lindale, Ga., over WRTA, Rome. Each Saturday morning at 10:30. H. T. Durden, pastor.

The Church of God, Dalton, Ga., over station WBLJ, Dalton, 1200 Kc., Sunday, Nov. 24. 6:00-6:45 a. m. Ira Meadows, pastor.

The Church of God, Calhoun, Ga., over station WBLJ, Dalton, 1200 Kc. Each Sunday, 4:00-4:30 p. m. G. J. Wilkins, pastor.

The Church of God, Wilmington, N. C., over station WMFD, Wilmington, 1370 Kc. Each Sunday from 3:15-3:45 p. m. V. D. Combs, pastor.

STEWART, Miss.—I have never written to the Evangel before but I surely like to read it; it has been so much help to me.

I am not a member of the Church of God but I have salvation and believe and love the Church of God way. I praise God because I can look to Him in dark hours for comfort. I thank Him that I was made to realize my need of Jesus.

God took my little one-year-old baby Nov. 13. It seemed hard to give him up, we miss him so badly, but I want God's will to be my will for I know He does all things well.

I thank God for Brother and Sister Essie Bell, the pastor at Williams Springs. I believe they are true blue Church of God folks. I certainly appreciated their presence in the dark hour of laying away our baby to await the resurrection. That is my sweet consolation, to think of that bright and cloudless morning that my darling will be there. Pray for his little sister and parents.—Mrs. W. M. Power, Rt. 2.

COVINGTON, La.—I praise God this morning for old time salvation full and free, a salvation we can feel and know about. I praise Him for His many bless-

ings He bestows upon me every day.

I ask a special interest in the prayers of all. We are trying to build a church house here in Covington and we are having a battle with the devil. He doesn't want to see a Church of God here, but by the help of God and the prayers of the saints we are going to hold on until Jesus calls us home. We find in His Word where He said, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give you a crown of life." Thank God for that promise. I also ask a special interest in your prayers for myself. I feel that God has called me to do something for Him. I do want to be in the will of the Lord at all times, so please pray for me and my family, that we will go where He leads us.—Louis Glass.

I am truly glad to report wonderful victory over sin and am proud to be at Oak Hill to work with the saints here, and for Him who gave His blood to sanctify the Church of God.

I am pastor at Oak Hill and Wellston, Ohio, churches. They have given us a home furnished, for which we thank God. Our Sunday School has doubled since we came to Oak Hill, for which we are glad. We hold both state banners—Y.P.E. and Sunday School—at Oak Hill. We have some ready to come into the church there now. Thank God.

I was sorry to leave Georgia but am glad I came to the good old State of Ohio with Brother Clark and the fine class of people of Ohio. I don't think I will go back South soon. I want all of my friends and the Church of God people in the South, North, East, and West to pray for us and the work here. We have a W.W.B. started at our church. Pray for it.—Sanford C. Elrod, pastor.

BELMONT, N. C.—Dear Saints of God, I thank the Lord for healing my body so many times. I told the Lord if He would heal me I would testify of it. I requested prayer and I am much better, for which I thank the Lord.

I am saved and sanctified. Pray that I will receive the Holy Ghost. I fell Thursday morning and hurt my knee but I am still trusting God, so pray for me that He will completely heal me that I can walk again.—Minnie Franklin.

POST, Tex.—I thank God for His goodness to me. I praise Him because He has healed me many times. He healed me of appendicitis in August, which was a miraculous healing. I was at Olton, Tex., helping in a revival with Sister Larkin Taylor, when God wonderfully healed me. Praise the Lord. I am a boy twenty-four years of age. The Lord has called me into the ministry but I do not have any way

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Requests For Prayer

PRAY FOR—

God to heal my eyes if it is His will; unspoken request.—Mrs. Jennie Byrd, Selma, N. C.

My healing and that I will have more faith and a way will be made for me to work for Him more.—Mrs. Zepher Davis, Troy, Tenn.

The healing of Sister J. L. Ples, R. F. D. 4, Box 49, Concord, N. C., who is suffering untold pain. Encouraging letters would be appreciated.—Sallie O. Lee.

The healing of my body as I have a growth on my breast which I believe is cancer.—Mattie Law, Rt. 3, Scottsboro, Ala.

My father-in-law who is in a terrible condition. He has lost his mind. Pray for God to undertake in a special way.—Mrs. Eva Luckey, Mize, Miss.

My healing as I am afflicted in body; also pray for my baby's healing.—Lillie Boswell, Heflin, Ala.

My daughter, Mary McCracken, to be healed of appendicitis.—Joe B. McCracken, Box 12, Meadow View, Va.

My body to be healed of smothering.—Arlena Williams, clerk, Rt. 2, Cosby, Tenn.

My body to be healed; unspoken request.—Mrs. R. M. Mainey, High Shoals, N. C.

My complete healing; my mother who has pneumonia.—Miss Minnie Bell Johnson, Pinson, Ala.

The healing of my husband's body. He has a bruised leg which has been hurt five weeks, and a catch in his hip.—Mrs. T. F. Hester, Meadville, Miss.

Healing of my little boy of something like indigestion.—Mrs. R. E. Harris, Rt. 5, Meridian, Miss.

Brother Hall who is very ill.—Solomon Scaff, Gen. Del., Fitzgerald, Ga.

Mrs. Fred Stone, 1022 S. 24th St., Fort Smith, Ark., who is near death's door with tumor and cancer. Those who have had wonderful healing from God please write her and encourage and build up her hope.—Lillian Liuge, 801 N. 14th St., Ft. Smith, Ark.

The Lord to completely heal my little boy's head as it hurts him nearly all the time.—Mrs. L. T. Goff, 107 Mill St., Pelham, Ga.

Mrs. J. L. Terry, of Oceana, W. Va., to be healed. She is seemingly dying of tuberculosis of the lungs.—Mrs. W. M. Thompson, Oceana, W. Va.

My daughter who is very ill.—Mrs. L. A. Bunkley, Homerville, Ga.

Noel Wilson, who is seriously ill, also Henry Gregory, who has stomach trouble.—W. T. Wilson, Nashville, Tenn.

The healing of my body. I have been poisoned with poison oak, which has gone all over my body.—Mrs. W. M. Livingston, Poplar Grove, Ark.

My husband to be saved from strong drink.—Mrs. Woodrow Fricks, 34 Lloyd St., Rome, Ga.

Robert D. Taylor, Post, Texas, who desires special prayer for the healing of his eyes.—J. H. W.

Mrs. Jennie Leddy, Georges Creek, Kentucky, desires special prayer for the healing of her husband.—J. H. W.

My body to be healed of sciatic nerve rheumatism. I can hardly walk at times and am not able to do anything. My arm draws and my head and neck joint is effected; unspoken request.—Mrs. Mannie Walker, 1717 St. Luke St., Augusta, Ga.

My little girl's eyes to be healed, she has very bad eyesight; God to heal her of the flu; a church to be established somewhere close so we can be in Church of God services.—Ethel Simpson, Box 128, Delhi, Calif.

My little girl to be healed of injuries received in a car wreck. She had both legs broken. Pray for her body that she will have strength enough in her legs to walk. Her left limb is very weak.—Mrs. Gladys Hunt, McVeigh, Ky.

God to completely heal Sister Bessie Berry; special unspoken request, the saints at Mt. Zion church and the revival.—Mrs. Roy J. Young, Steprock, Ark.

The healing of my left arm which was broken and a hole torn in it, to be healed.—John H. Chambers, Star Rt., Jefferson City, Tenn.

The healing of my mother, that she may be able to walk again; she is paralyzed on one side; me to be healed of acid of the blood.—Mrs. Genie Crenshaw, Ruskin, Fla.

The healing of my body, I am hardly able to stay up; my mother to be healed, she can see with only one eye, her other eye is almost gone.—Evangelist D. L. Wing, Gen. Del., Weirsdale, Fla.

The salvation of my husband and sons; me to get closer to God; the boys to be content in the home; unspoken request.—Mrs. E. L. Mayfield, Rt. 2, Warrior, Ala.

My health to be restored; it is so bad I can hardly go.—Ben H. Parrish, Post, Tex.

Me to be healed of a goitre and heart trouble; the Lord to give me more faith. If the Lord doesn't undertake soon I can't bear it. My baby who is sickly to be healed; my loved ones in sin to be

saved.—Mrs. Lizzie Helton, Rt. 2, Crab Orchard, Ky.

Me to be healed of rheumatism. My knees are stiff from staying in a cast so long, so pray that they will be healed so I may be able to walk. Please fast if led.—Mrs. A. E. Lilly, East Gulf, W. Va.

My husband who is seriously ill to be healed. We do not know his trouble but God does, and he has trusted God sixteen years.—Mrs. Lelia Webster, Rt. 1, Box 30, Merigold, Miss.

My brother who is out in sin to be saved; the healing of a friend, Brother Jake Hords, Rt. 4, Dandridge, Tenn., who is stiff in his hips and can't bend his back. He is saved and is seventy-two years of age; the Lord to provide our needs; us to get a closer walk with God; me to be an overcomer of all trials.—Hobert Williford, Rt. 4, Dandridge, Tenn.

My sister to be saved; me to be more humble and be an overcomer; my family; an unspoken request; my mother who is sick with a cold and cough to be healed.—Mrs. Albert White, Tallahala, Miss.

Eva Wilson to receive the full blessing, also the healing of her body; the healing of her baby's body; the healing of my husband; me to be an overcomer.—Mrs. C. M. Fink, Princeton, W. Va.

God to touch my body and heal me of leakage of the heart.—Mrs. W. T. Hanlin, Bayard, W. Va.

The healing of my body; God to remove the cause of my weakness.—Mrs. V. L. Robinson, Rome, Ga.

The healing of my body, I have been afflicted four years and confined to my bed for the past two months.—Mrs. A. B. Carter, Marion, N. C.

The salvation of my husband and that he will be delivered of a habit; me to be an overcomer; my lost loved ones to be saved.—Mrs. Bertha Snipes, Gen. Del., Clovis, N. Mex.

The healing of Brother H. B. Boley, who is in the hospital with a broken leg.—Clay M. Day, pastor, 3411 28th Pl., N. Birmingham, Ala.

God to undertake for me in a special way. I have pyorrhea in the advanced stage and my teeth are giving me lots of trouble. Pray for my healing and that God will supply financial aid.—Florrie M. Jones, 315 N. Monroe, Arcadia, Fla.

The healing of my son who is in a serious condition with a bone trouble in his right leg. He has been bedfast for two months and is almost helpless. Fast if led.—Inez Jackson, Muscadine, Ala.

The healing of my body, I have a heart ailment and smother so badly.—W. H. Compton, Delbarton, W. Va.

Me to be healed of ulcerated and acid (Continued on page 14)



Spiritual Barometer

Dear Lord Jesus:

As we, the students of B. T. S., bow before Thee at this, the beginning of another year, we come with thankful hearts filled with love, gratitude, and a desire to know Thee better. Thou hast been so real to us, dear Friend Jesus, and the year has been a happy one because You were with us, leading, guiding, teaching, and sharing our every joy and sorrow.

We know not what the coming year affords, neither do we plan nor hope for things as in years gone by. Our only resolution is to know Thee better, to walk closer to Thy side and to submit ourselves wholly, unreservedly into Thy hands. Make of us what You will, dear Master; mold us after Thine own; place us where we are most needed, where we may be a blessing to some lost soul.

May we swing out on the promises of the blessed Word, may we live in the realization of Thy power, and when storms approach and life seems hard, may we find comfort, protection, strength, and courage in Thee.

Keep us humble, submissive. Let our increase in knowledge, wisdom and understanding be acceptable in Thy sight and used in the edification of Thy Word, and in the proclamation of salvation through Jesus Christ who died on Calvary to save lost humanity.—*Helen Gleason, Greensboro, N. C.*

A Visit to the Bible School

I do not believe there is anyone who would not be interested and inspired by a visit to Bible School. So, if you please, put on your traveling caps and imagine you are driving down Park Road Street of the quiet little town of Sevierville, Tennessee, in the shadow of the scenic Great Smoky Mountains. Now as you turn onto the campus of the Church of God Bible Training School and view its commodious red brick buildings—the President's Home and Boys' Dormitory being on one side, the Girls' Dormitory on the other, and the Administration Building standing squarely in the center with its silvery dome reaching high

into the sky—you are favorably impressed and feel that peculiar pride of church ownership.

You are further impressed as your friends in B. T. S. come out to meet you and escort you through the dormitories, which are (almost completely) newly furnished. Then as you enter the Administration Building and meet the faculty, officials, and matrons of the school—good, godly men and women filled with the Holy Ghost—your heart rejoices and thanks God that your friends, the young people of the Church of God, can train under such leaders.

But when you go with your student friend into the classroom, you experience an even higher exaltation of spirit, for as the students kneel to pray, as they do before each class, the blessed Holy Spirit comes down, quickening your mind, mellowing your heart, and filling the room with His all-pervading, gracious presence. Oh, thank the Lord! Then you arise to be absorbed in the interesting discussion of the lesson, some topic which concerns the student in his future work for the Lord.

You perhaps reach the peak of your experience, however, when, at the third period of the morning, you attend the chapel service, where you unite your voice in the reading of a Psalm, and listen with touched heart as urgent, importunate requests of prayer for friends back home or on the field are made and then carried directly, boldly, effectually to the throne of grace. Hallelujah! More than likely you will hear some earnest student arise and thank God for miraculously, graciously hearing his request made in some previous chapel service. With hearts freed of cares and voices inspired by joy, the students then join in singing songs so sweet that they have a sound of the heavenly. As many as the remaining time permits, you are privileged to hear some of the fine quartets of B. T. S. Announcements relative to the school work having been made, you are dismissed from chapel, ready for the next class.

As the noon hour approaches, you are extended a gracious invitation to eat with the students in the B. T. S. dining

hall, which offers you at a reasonable price more efficient and satisfactory service than any other school kitchen I know of. You are delighted to watch the students as with a keen appetite they eat a hearty, well-balanced, nourishing meal. You probably guess correctly when you venture the conjecture that their clothes will be outgrown by the close of school.

Sevierville, with its congenial business men, offers you good satisfactory tourist service.

As you leave, you will feel that you have spent a few hours in the place nearest heaven. You will have a new faith in Bible School and will be filled with the determination to convince others of its worth and to persuade and assist them to attend next term.

We extend to you, too, a cordial invitation to visit B. T. S.

We, the students and faculty of B. T. S., appreciate the prayers these visitors will pray for us. Although God is with us in a gracious way, we nevertheless, have problems that call for extraordinary help and grace. Won't you pray for us too? We in turn will sympathize with you as your requests come in and will intercede with the God of all grace, that He, according to His power and wisdom, may grant your request.—*Hoyet Bridges.*

God's Power

Combine all carnal warfare;
Their strength will not compare
With the power of praying Christians
Crying to God in prayer.

God's Goodness

We are never hid from the sight of our Lord

Nor His ears closed to our cry;
So tenderly He is watching us
And hears and answers our prayers.

Lizzie Kurtz, Ephrata, Pa.

The person who draws back from suffering does not love God enough to do God's will, and will never be strong enough to do it without a treatment from the great Physician.

TESTIMONIES

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of getting around except walking. Pray that the Lord will make a way for me that I might be able to get some way to go around from place to place to preach the gospel to this lost and dying world.—John T. Owen.

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MANATEE, Fla.—Dear Evangel Readers, may God bless you who read this testimony. I am still in the battle for God. I want to see souls saved. Praise God. Brother Cross and his wife are nice and we have learned to love them. We had a two weeks' revival in which three souls were filled with the Holy Ghost, and some saved. There were about eighteen in the altar last Friday night. Souls seem to be waking up. Praise God. I feel good in my soul. I am encouraged to press on; am glad for the time the Lord saw fit to lift me out of sin, save, sanctify and give me the Holy Ghost. I feel like traveling on and don't see anything in this old world to turn back to. I don't feel so strong in my body but I am looking for God to heal me completely. Dear hearts, I am on my way to heaven. I hope to meet my loved ones there, and my brothers and sisters. Oh, what a rejoicing that will be when we see our blessed Savior and look upon His dear face. I have a dear old father and mother and four sisters and I would like for those who know the worth of prayer to take them on your heart and pray for them. My father and oldest sister are very feeble and run down in health and are without God. Oh, how it grieves my heart. I just pray to God to save their souls before it is too late.

I thank and praise God that my unsaved husband has made another start to seek God. Pray for him that God will encourage him and that he will receive the blessing and live for God. Dear hearts, we haven't any time to stop; there is plenty for us to do if it is only to stay humble before God, pray for lost souls and live a life that is pleasing to Him. I really feel good in my soul and hope this may encourage some who are discouraged. When we begin to feel downhearted and it doesn't seem like we can go any further, we need to stay before God in prayer until we find the trouble. God wants us to be humble and submit ourselves to Him and be patient.

I need prayer. Pray that I can stay humble and in prayer and fill my place every time at service, Sunday School, and Y. P. E.—Fannie Lee Tomlinson, Box 84.

SANFORD, N. C.—We thank the Lord for the way He has been blessing here in Sanford. We recently closed a two weeks' revival with several saved and sanctified, some reclaimed, and two filled

with the Holy Ghost. The revival was held by our new pastor, Brother Henry Liles, and wife, whom we love already. While all loved and appreciated Brother V. C. Ramey and his family, and were sorry they couldn't come back to us, we are grateful to Him for commending us to Brother Liles and feel sure the people of Mooresville will love and appreciate Brother Ramey as we people of Sanford did.

The mill has been running regularly lately and the church as a whole has been getting along fine.

Sister Liles not only preaches when needed but is a wonderful worker with the young people and they all seem to love her, from the oldest to the youngest.

Since the revival we have been doing some painting inside the church. We have painted the altar and benches and all the doors and window facings and part of the walls. We also have five very pretty large light globes for which we are very thankful, and we feel our church is a real lighthouse for Jesus, where everyone can feel free to worship the Lord. Anyone having an opportunity to visit us will always find a welcome at Sanford.—Mrs. Edna Hall, Rt. 3, Jonesboro, N. C.

Mission Page

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ple wanted to keep us there and begged us to stay, but we had to come back to dear old Haiti. This time, while in Santo Domingo, it was John's turn to be sick with malaria, but the Lord pulled him through it. We have much to be thankful for—how the Lord delivers us from sickness that is all about us.

Prayer warriors, keep praying for us. We cannot really picture the immense work here in Haiti. It is like a big mountain landslide—a real avalanche for God! Hallelujah! The apostle "John saw that number!" Our hearts are full of praise—Glory! Glory! Let the hallelujahs roll. "It's all over me and keeping me alive!"

Love from all the soldiers of the Lord at the battlefront.—Stephanie Kluzit.

Haiti's Busy Bees—Sister Kluzit's name for our group who are especially interested in Haiti.

It is truly wonderful what the Lord has done. I thank Him for His only Son Jesus who bore the cruel cross that I might be His child forevermore. At this hour, dear ones, I am truly praising God for His goodness towards me. No wonder David said, "Oh taste and see that the Lord is good." Blessed is the man that trusteth in Him. Praise God, I too have started to trust in Him, and I mean to continue to trust Him to the end. My mortal tongue is not enough to ring the praises to Him. I am a member of the

precious Church of God.

I was saved on the 19th night of March, 1935. I did not receive the baptism with the Holy Ghost and fire until the 11th night of June, 1937. Praise God, it was surely a Pentecostal time in my soul. Glory to God in the highest!

I can truly say that the Divine Spirit is abiding in my soul. Absolutely He gives daily power. By the grace of God I mean to allow Him to be lively and active in my life. Dear readers, kindly brace me up with your prayers. I can never forget the night when such a revival started in my soul.

When I take a glance back to that 11th night my soul is wonderfully thrilled with joy. I am glad to know that Christ is coming after me. I must express, dear ones, that I am an orphan girl, having lost my parents even before going to school. It's now fourteen years since they both have departed, leaving eight girls, of which I am the seventh one. Three of us are members of the Church of God, having heaven's Comforter in our souls. Bless His name. We did not have it very easy. After taking part in the Church of God, we were forsaken by friends and relatives, but with praises towards God they are now coming back to us. Will you kindly join me in prayer for our other kind sisters who have not yet accepted this precious truth? I shall be thankful for your help. Kindly pray for Bishop C. A. Norris. He surely has helped me on my way. He and others have encouraged me to bear the cross of Christ, and be what I am. I praise God for him. Pray for me that I'll be true.—Ivy D. Whyte, Desire, Frankfield P. O., Jam., B. W. I.

Leaves From the Fig Tree

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ENZA, PNEUMONIA, TUBERCULOSIS, TYPHUS, OR CHOLERA. Of Europe's 525,000,000 people, some millions, probably never to be counted, WILL STARVE. IN THIS SECOND YEAR OF WORLD WAR II EUROPE WILL LIVE IN THE DARK AGES: IN BLEAK DESPAIR FROM DAWN TO DUSK, IN BLACKNESS FROM DUSK TO DAWN." What a horrible picture. TIME is conservative. TIME prints facts. An unhappy earth exists today and worse yet to come.

Again, in the name of Jesus, this page bids each and all a happy and prosperous New Year in Him. God bless and keep you all! Amen!

Requests

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stomach; the healing of my wife; the healing of Mrs. Coleman. — Thos. M. Hunt, Pinsonfork, Ky.

The healing of my body, I have a severe pain and soreness in my side which

hurts almost continually.—Mrs. W. I. Lindsey, Mine La Motte, Mo.

The healing of my feet.—Mrs. Maggie Purvis, 2385 N. W. 68th St., Miami, Fla.

The salvation of my daughter; her daughter to get closer to God and her son to be saved.—Mrs. Sarah E. Cheek, Rt. 3, c/o C. T. Morris, Mt. Vernon, Tex.

Obituaries

DEGROFF

Philip Degroff, charter member and deacon of the Church at Pontiac, Mich., was born in 1878 and departed this life Nov. 3, 1940; age sixty-two years, two months, and twenty-one days.—His pastor, C. W. Florence.

JERNIGAN

Sylvia Sue Jernigan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Jernigan, was born May 17, 1940, and departed this life Dec. 1, 1940.—Her mother, Mrs. Leroy Jernigan, Odum, Ga.

JONES—HALL—BOUDLE

Three of our faithful members of the Easton, Md., church passed away to be with Jesus in three months' time. Their funerals were conducted by the writer. Sister Jones Oct. 7; Sister Allen Hall Nov. 8; Sister Elmer Boudle Dec. 9, 1940. There is a great vacancy in our church, but we know our loss is heaven's gain. Sister Boudle's death came as a great shock as she was at service the night before.—Brother R. F. Koshewitz, pastor.

MONROE

Our dear husband and father, A. J. Monroe, was called home Dec. 4, 1941; age sixty years.—Mrs. E. Monroe and children, Quemado, Texas.

TEAGUE

Sister Malinda Franklin Teague, a faithful member of the Church of God at Sevierville, Tenn., departed this life Oct. 26, 1940, at the age of forty-nine years. She left a testimony that she was going home to be with Jesus.—Mrs. H. M. Hunt, Sevierville, Tenn.

REID

Sister Nellie Reid, a faithful member of the Church of God at Avera, Miss., was born Jan. 31, 1894, and departed this life Dec. 1, 1940, at the age of forty-six years, ten months and one day. Pray for her dear old father, brothers and sister. She was our Sunday School secretary.—Mrs. W. W. Roberts, Avera, Miss.

STORMS

Brother R. P. Storms, a faithful mem-

ber of the Parma, Mo., Church of God, departed this life Nov. 23, 1940; age sixty-eight years.—J. R. Lenning, pastor.

SPRINGER

Sister Willie Springer of Freer, Tex., a minister of the Church of God, departed this life Nov. 27, 1940; age thirty-one years.—R. M. Nolen, Lubbock, Tex.

EDWARDS

Hance Edwards departed this life Dec. 17, 1940; age thirty-seven years.—Elizabeth Hickman, Rt. 5, Kingsport, Tenn.

HAND

Rufus Earl Hand departed this life Sept. 20, 1940; age two months and one day. Pray for us. — His father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Ira J. Hand, Matthews, Ga.

HAND

Mrs. Maoma Hand passed away to be with Jesus on Oct. 31, 1940; age seventy years, seven months and one day.—Her son, Ira J. Hand.

DEAN

Elizabeth Marie Dean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Dean, Marion, Va., departed this life Dec. 7, 1940; age thirteen years and three months.—A friend, Mrs. Marilyn Morris, Marion, Va.

Christmas Card of Thanks

We wish to take this means to thank all those on the field who so generously remembered the Orphans this Christmas. The trees were heavily laden and there were high stacks of presents underneath, at both homes.

The Assistant General Overseer and two of the Committee were on hand to enjoy the Christmas festivities. Christmas carols were sung by the youngsters and responded to by the officials.

Never before has there been such a generous and universal response to the Christmas appeal for our children on behalf of the general officials, the Committee, and the children. We extend to you our heartfelt thanks and gratitude.—E. L. Simmons, Chairman of Committee.

Christmas Issue of Evangel

We have on hand about 700 copies of this beautiful Christmas issue and it is filled with the best of reading. While they last they may be had at 5c per copy.

If we are as full of the Spirit and love of God as we should be, those who associate with us will sooner or later want to become acquainted with our Lord and Master.

Desires Prayer for Healing

KEYSER, W. Va.—Dear friend, I was taken sick last Dec. 24 and kept getting worse. April 6 I was taken to the hospital and was there almost four weeks. The doctor didn't have any hope for me. Once they said I was dying. When I was discharged on May 2 from the hospital I had to be taken to a friend's home near the town. Pray for that friend to be healed and that both she and her husband will be saved.

I came home July 20. The doctor said I was too weak for an operation then but said I would have to have one later. A dear sister gave me some of The Church of God Evangel to read the day I left the hospital. That is why I am writing you. The saints who knew me around here were praying for me and the Lord heard their prayers.

I have been able to go around my home here for some time and go to Sunday School about one mile, but when I get back I am almost given out. I have read of so many being healed and I know I can be healed completely. I have heart, kidney and stomach trouble and a hurting in my knees. Pray that the Lord will provide a home for us. Pray

NOTICE

S. S. Superintendents and Pastors

It is not too late to order "Junior Jewels," our new Sunday School paper for junior classes. 10c per quarter.

that the Lord will help us and that we will be able to retain our church house. Pray for my unsaved husband, dad, two sisters and two brothers, one of whom has T. B. and has come home to be saved before it is too late. Also pray for our little Sunday School that the Lord will have His way. Pray for my friend's little boy that his eyes may be healed and that she and her husband may be saved. Pray for unsaved friends around here. Pray for my eyes to be healed, my eyesight is getting bad. Pray that the Lord will have His way with me and heal me completely.—Grace Rigglesman.

Card of Thanks

We, the General Officials, sincerely appreciate the beautiful cards, letters and telegrams of greetings received through the holidays.

J. H. Walker, General Overseer.
R. P. Johnson, Asst. Gen. Overseer.
E. J. Boehmer, General Secretary.
E. L. Simmons, Editor & Publisher.

The secret of Paul's success for God lay in the fact that he started at the right place in asking God what he would have him to do—and did it.

HARRISBURG, Pa.—I praise the Lord that we are back in Harrisburg for another year. God is blessing in every service; our Y. P. E. and Sunday School are growing. I praise the Lord for touching my body so wonderfully three weeks ago today. I had not been well for about four weeks and on Sunday morning while I was teaching my class I became so very sick I had to come upstairs. I suffered such terrible pains in my body, was in bed all day. When night came I knew that unless God touched my body I would not be able to get up in the morning. Sister McCullough stayed with me while the service was going on downstairs. God began to bless in the service; we heard them shouting and praising the Lord. Sister McCullough began praising the Lord; I began to cry and pray; God began to bless us upstairs. God touched my body. Thank God, I was able to get up, and have been improving right along. I know the power of God is real.

We love the saints here and they are very good to us. We have a nice church with a nice modern five-room parsonage upstairs, nicely furnished. We also praise God for our good district pastor, Brother J. W. Shaw. He was with us Wednesday night and God surely blessed us all. The dear saints here gave us a "harvest home" right after the Assembly. It was a beautiful sight to see the altar all trimmed with cornstalks and autumn leaves and all the groceries, canned goods, jellies, potatoes, and pumpkins, etc. How we praise God for His love and goodness, and our desire is to serve Him better this year than last year. Pray for us here at Harrisburg.—Mrs. Wm. Schneidmueller.

Maine on the Move

The annual all-day meeting of the Church of God at Exeter, Me., was held Nov. 11 and was enjoyed by all. Brother A. S. Ruark, pastor there, opened the morning worship with the usual devotions, aided by Brother Joel Brown as music director. There were short impromptu talks made by Brothers Wyatt of Belfast, J. H. Davis of Orland, Joel Brown of Augusta, and Brother George Rix of Augusta.

Dinner was served by the sisters of the local church and this was not the least of the pleasures of the day.

A very inspiring message on "The Cross" was brought by Brother J. S. Brinsfield, our state overseer. Another inspiring sermon was presented by Brother Wyatt in the evening.

Special music was rendered during the day with solos, duets, quartets, etc., among which was Brother J. T. Murray who sang "Jonah and the Whale" and it was especially enjoyed.

The people in Maine appreciate Brother Brinsfield very much. Although this is his first year as state overseer, we find

he has just the right spirit and personality to inspire the love and respect of the ministry and laity as well. We believe we will be able to win the battle for King Jesus this year under his leadership and with God's help.—J. H. Davis, Orland, Me.

NOTICE

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It is not too late to order "Junior Jewels,"
our new Sunday School paper for junior
classes, 10c per quarter.

CHORUSES OF INSPIRATION

By Edwin M. Mortenson

This is a new book of 30 choruses made popular by Brother and Sister Mortenson in their evangelistic meetings. One song (with music), "I Am on the Battlefield for My Lord," is worth the price of the book. Price 20c.

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THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS IN CASH TO BE GIVEN IN PRIZES

To the state in each of the three groups, A, B, and C, that obtains the largest number of subscriptions to the Evangel above 25% of their membership will be awarded in cash one hundred dollars. Nothing short of yearly subscriptions will be counted. Subscriptions in rolls by the year, paid for in advance, will be counted. Rolls being paid for by the week, month, quarter or semiannually will not count in this contest.

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